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POSTAL EMPLOYEE CONVICTED OF MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS TO OBTAIN PAID LEAVE

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RICHARD D. LESLIE, 52, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to six months home detention and three years probation today by U.S. District Judge William T. Lawrence following his guilty plea to making or using a false document. This case was the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of the Inspector General.

LESLIE was employed by the United States Postal Service as a mail handler. As a postal employee, he was entitled to take military leave for authorized service in the armed forces reserve or national guard. The military leave request procedure requires submission of a standard form whenever authorized leave is requested. LESLIE had served twenty years in the army reserve and retired in August 2005. Although he had retired, LESLIE submitted twenty three (23) leave slips for military leave between November 2, 2005 and February 20, 2008. As a result of false leave forms, LESLIE was paid \$4,298 for 202 hours of military leave to which he was not entitled.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Lawrence also ordered LESLIE to make full restitution in the amount of approximately \$4,300 and fined him an additional \$250.

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